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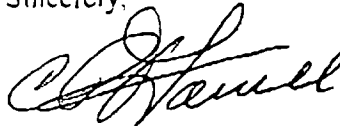
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Today our nation faces many tough issues. We are plagued with terrorist scares. Our economy is in recession. And many Americans are facing layoffs in their workplace. I fail to see how Microsoft's supposed anti-competitive behavior qualifies as a tough issue that should be addressed.

Finally after three years of litigation, the issue has been resolved. Resolution in this issue is fair to all involved. Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against computer manufacturers that market competing software. This frees up relationships between manufacturers and developers. Further, licensing rights will be equal for the twenty largest producers of PCs. This further eases relationships among manufacturers.

While, I do not believe there was any justification for the anti-trust suit, the terms of the agreement are fair. It should be enacted with haste.

Sincerely,



Charles P. O'Farrell